

FOURTH ADD 22 (DRV GOVERNMENT STATEMENT)

XXX IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT

(TEXT) THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO A SCHEDULE FOR SIGNING THE AGREEMENT: ON 9 OCTOBER 1972, AT THE PROPOSAL OF THE U.S. SIDE, THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD END THE BOMBING AND MINING OF THE NORTH ON 18 OCTOBER, THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD SIGN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT IN HANOI ON 19 OCTOBER, AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD OFFICIALLY SIGN THE AGREEMENTS IN PARIS ON 26 OCTOBER.

ON 11 OCTOBER THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: THE AMERICANS WOULD END THE BOMBING AND MINING ON 21 OCTOBER, THE TWO SIDES WOULD SIGN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE AGREEMENTS IN HANOI ON 22 OCTOBER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD OFFICIALLY SIGN THE AGREEMENTS IN PARIS ON 30 OCTOBER. THE DRV SIDE AGREED TO THIS NEW U.S. SCHEDULE.

ON 20 OCTOBER 1972, WITH THE PRETEXT THAT THERE WERE STILL A NUMBER OF POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE U.S. SIDE ADVANCED ANOTHER SCHEDULE: THE AMERICANS WOULD END THE BOMBING AND MINING ON 23 OCTOBER, THE TWO SIDES WOULD SIGN THE DOCUMENTS IN HANOI ON 24 OCTOBER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD SIGN THE AGREEMENTS IN PARIS ON 31 OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. SIDE HAD MANY TIMES CHANGED WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED, THE DRV SIDE, WITH GOOD WILL, ALSO AGREED TO THIS U.S. PROPOSAL AND STRESSED THAT THE U.S. SIDE MUST NOT ADVANCE ANY PRETEXT TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE AGAIN.

THUS, AS OF 22 OCTOBER, THE DRV AND U.S. SIDES AGREED TO THE FULL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENTS ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, AND ON A SCHEDULE OF WHAT WOULD BE DONE IN ORDER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS OFFICIALLY ON 31 OCTOBER 1972. OBVIOUSLY THE TWO SIDES ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT ON THESE AGREEMENTS OF EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE THAT EXACTLY CORRESPOND TO THE DESIRES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THE U.S. PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

HOWEVER, ON 23 OCTOBER 1972, CONTRARY TO ITS AGREEMENTS, THE U.S. SIDE AGAIN ANNOUNCED DIFFICULTIES ORIGINATING IN SAIGON, AND DEMANDED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BE CONTINUED TO SOLVE NEW PROBLEMS BUT DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IMPLEMENTING THE AGREED POINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE AGREED ON. THIS ACT BY THE U.S. SIDE HAS CREATED A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION THAT THREATENS THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENTS ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM.

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